COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

19th of Mithunam 1103.

Monday, *the* ——————

2nd of July 1928.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock, the Deputy President in the Chair. All the Members except Messrs. Rao Bahadur John Kurian and Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar were present.

Introductory Speech.

Deputy President.—I regret very much that the Diwan-President is not present to welcome you all. I am not a man of speeches; but, all the same, I would extend a hearty welcome to you all to this Council, especially when we find so many new Members here. I hope you will conduct the Proceedings of the Council in the same fair spirit as you have been doing hitherto. I shall proceed to the next business in order.

Taking of oath.

(The Deputy President, and then all the Members, except Messrs. Rao Bahadur John Kurian, the Acting Chief Engineer, and Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, the Diwan Peishkar, who were absent, took and subscribed the oath of aliegiance.)

Statement placed on the Table.

Deputy President.—The next item of business is the placing of a Statement by the Finance Member on the Council Table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. Is it valid for a Member to give notice of placing a Statement before taking oath? I had sent some questions after my name was published in the Gazette, and then the Secretary wrote to me that it was invalid to ask questions before taking oath. I want to know if it is valid for a Government Member to do a similar thing before taking oath.

Deputy President.—I can dispense with the necessary notice. Even though notice was given before, the Statement is placed on the Table only after he was sworn in.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I do not know how the Chair can give him permission without the Member asking for the same.

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